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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers still needed for the SCAN office in the mornings. Computer skills desirable but not essential. Thanks to those who have already contacted us about volunteering. We are always happy to welcome new members to the SCAN Team. Please email us for more information at: ***scanshankill10@eircom.net*** and leave your contact details.

Dance Theatre of Ireland

Dance Theatre of Ireland have recommenced their very popular Well Dance classes for Seniors in Shankill Tennis Club, Quinn's Road on Wednesdays. These are fun classes with gentle exercise, movement and dance routines to music. Please note the new time: 1.45pm-3.00pm. Classes are run on a drop in basis at €6.00 per session. DTI is a registered charity.

SOFA BOOKSALE

SOFA Booksale on the first Saturday of every month from 10 to 1 p.m. There is a wonderful selection of books of every kind, all sorted for easy selection. Donations of books (near perfect condition please) may be made on day of sale only. All proceeds go to the Daycare Centre.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED INFORMATION

A support network for separated, divorced, and divorced and remarried people meets regularly in Shankill. All are welcome to contact the network by texting 087 3646067 or by emailing us at listeningear14@gmail.com.
All communications will be guaranteed complete confidentiality and everyone will be warmly welcomed.

Place: St. Anne's Resource Centre.
Date: Second Tuesday of every month.
Time: 8pm

ST. JAMES CHURCH, CRINKEN HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Joint Holy Week services: Monday 26th to Thursday 29th March at 7:30pm

Good Friday: Mark Drama at 7pm

Easter Sunday - Holy Communion at 9:30am
Easter Praise at 11:00am
Mark Drama at 7pm

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What income tax will I pay in 2018?

Answer

Changes to income tax bands were announced as part of Budget 2018. The amount of tax that you have to pay depends on your personal circumstances. Tax is charged as a percentage of your income. The percentage that you pay depends on the amount of your income. The first part of your income, up to a certain amount, is taxed at 20%. This is known as the standard rate of tax and the amount that it applies to is known as the standard rate tax band. The remainder of your income is taxed at the higher rate of tax, which is 40%. The amount that you can earn before you start to pay the higher rate of tax is known as your standard rate cut-off point.

For 2018 the standard rate of tax remains at 20%, but the standard rate tax bands have been increased as follows:

	2018 €	2017 €
Single person	34,550 @ 20% Balance @ 40%	33,800 @ 20% Balance @ 40%
Married couple/ civil partners, one income	43,550 @ 20% Balance @ 40%	42,800 @ 20% Balance @ 40%
Married couple/ civil partners, two incomes	Up to 69,100 @ 20% Balance @ 40%	Up to 67,600 @ 20% Balance @ 40%
One-parent family	38,550 @ 20% Balance @ 40%	37,800 @ 20% Balance @ 40%

There is a range of income tax reliefs / credits available, which can reduce the amount of tax that you have to pay.

Personal Tax Credits @ 2018

€1,650 - Single Person
€3,300 - Married Person or Civil Partner
€2,190 - Widowed Person's Tax Credit
(without dependent children)

Other Tax Credits/Reliefs

PAYE Tax Credit = €1,650
(for each person with a PAYE Income)

Age Tax Credit
- Single/widowed = €245
- Married/Civil partnership = €490

Incapacitated Child Tax Credit = €3,300

Citizens Information

The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a free, confidential and impartial service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of issues. Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.

In addition to Tax we also have to pay USC – Universal Social Charge

Standard Rate USC:- 2018

1. Persons under age 70 without a Medical Card
2. Over age 70 with income of more than €60,000

RATE	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
0.5%	First €12,012	€1,001	€231
2.0%	Next €7,360	€613	€142
4.75%	Next €50,672	€4,223	€97
8%	Balance over €70,044	Balance	Balance

Lower rate USC:- 2018

1. Persons under age 70 with a Medical Card
2. Over age 70 with income of €60,000 or less

RATE	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
0.5%	First €12,012	€1,001	€231
2.0%	Balance	Balance	Balance

Note:- €60,000 'aggregate income' does not include Social Welfare payments.

Dealing with Revenue on-line

As an employee PAYE taxpayer you can register for **'myAccount'** with Revenue
myAccount is a single access point for secure online services such as:
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Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

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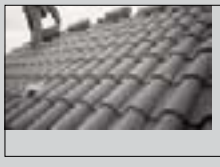

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QUINN'S ROAD, SHANKILL

A message from Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

Dear Constituents,

As the first Government Minister in the history of the State with responsibility specifically for Higher Education, I am passionate about access to Higher Education for everyone.

By the time this issue reaches you, the Technological Universities Bill should have completed its progress through the Oireachtas. Technological Universities will provide an opportunity to drive regional development and provide more opportunities for individuals, enterprise and the community. They will have a significant impact and influence regionally, nationally and internationally.

Minimum Passing Distance Legislation

The safety of cyclists on our roads has come to the fore in recent weeks. I am very supportive of the campaign to implement a minimum passing distance.
Every time we hear of another tragic loss of life on our roads we reflect on what we could have done differently to protect vulnerable road users. Whether it's a child cycling to school, a woman cycling to work or the next Sean Kelly in training, every one of our cyclists is deserving of the maximum protection possible. It's time to end the fear of being a cyclist on Irish roads.
It is my intention to meet Phil Skelton and the Stayin' Alive at 1.5 campaign in the near future and I look forward to working to advance this legislation.

Total Contributions Approach to Pensions: There will be significant improvements to pension outcomes for homemakers and carers who were affected by rate band changes in 2012. The new Total Contributions Approach will calculate pensions based on all contributions made over a working career. There will also be provision for a new Home Caring Credit of up to 20 years to assist workers who took time out to raise families.

The new system will be implemented from 30 March 2018. Pensioners do not need to contact the Department, or do anything else, until written to by the Department nearer the end of the year. The first payments will be made from early 2019, with payment backdated to 30 March 2018.

Incentive to Hire Long-Term Unemployed Over-50s: The Government has announced a plan to assist older workers back into employment, by providing a €10,000 incentive to employers who hire long-term unemployed workers over the age of 50. We are very aware that some older jobseekers find it difficult to secure employment. The refocused Jobsplus scheme will see the higher rate of the employer subsidy of €10,000 available to employers who hire people over 50 years of age who have been unemployed for more than a year.

Extension of Benefits to Self-Employed: Invalidity Pension has been extended to the self-employed and business owners who, for the first time ever, can apply for this safety net on the same basis as employees. The payment is also open to self-employed who are currently out of work through illness, to claim the Invalidity Pension if they have the relevant PRSI contributions on their social insurance record. Further information is available on www.welfare.ie

Last year the self-employed were given access to the Treatment Benefit Scheme which includes free eye tests, dental examinations and contributions towards the cost of hearing aids, with additional dental and optical benefits being provided from October 2017 for both the self-employed and employees. Further information on these are available from opticians and dentists nationwide.

International Women's Day
Thursday 08 March is International Women's Day 2018. To mark the day, I will be hosting a coffee morning in the National Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire. If you would like to attend please contact Michelle on 01-8892197, or email michelle_tobin@education.gov.ie

Get Involved
Getting involved in politics can be a very enjoyable experience. There are lots of different ways to participate and make a difference. I am always very grateful for any help people are willing to give. If you'd like to get involved, please contact me.

I am sincerely committed to working for my constituents in Shankill and the rest of the Dun Laoghaire Constituency. If I can be of any assistance, on any national or local issue please contact me at mary.mitchelloconnor@oir.ie or call my constituency office on 01-8892199.
Constituency clinics take place the first Friday of every month, by appointment. Please contact Patrick in my office if you would like to attend.

Yours sincerely

Minister Mary Mitchell O' Connor TD
Minister of State for Higher Education

LET'S TALK ABOUT SKIN

by Ailish Connelly

Skin. Its all around us, holding us together, helping to hold us up, protecting us. Skin is the major identifier of an individual; indeed the identifier of ethnicity, be it dark or fair, tanned or freckled. It is one of the main ways we interact with our environment and each other via our nerve fibres and touch.

We talk about a 'thin skinned' sensitive person or how someone may be 'thick skinned'. Or how the weather would 'skin' you, how your nearly jumped out of your skin with fright, or how you were almost skinned alive.

And the thing about skin, is that our nutrition levels are reflected in it. What we put into and onto our bodies is radiated out through our skin; our largest organ and one of our organs of elimination.

Water

If your skin is congested, look to your digestion to ensure its working at its optimum. To aid elimination of toxins from your body, via the kidneys and colon and of course your skin, you need to ensure you have adequate hydration levels. So up to 2 litres per day of water intake, preferably filtered, but tap is fine if you don't have a filtration system installed. In warm weather you need more water, so drink up!

Juice

Carrot juice is full of antioxidants and wonderful for congested, acne prone, pimply skin. Juice 2 carrots, add water. You can also add apples for taste. Just be sure to peel any conventionally grown apples as the skin hold pesticide residues.

Fibre

Add lots of fibre from veg and fruit to your diet to keep your digestive tract regular and skin clear. Extra magnesium citrate powder is great to clear constipation in a natural fashion. Add half a teaspoon to some water and drink. You may take up to to 2 teaspoons per day but do monitor your intake as Magnesium citrate can cause loose stools.

Antioxidants

Get lots of health promoting antioxidants from adding plenty of fresh fruit and veg to your diet. Use your imagination or get a good vegetarian easy meals cookbook and make soups and hot-pots, salads and fruit compotes. Add fruit to breads, cakes and puddings

Essential Fatty Acids

So many of us followed the low fat diet advice that was in vogue for decades, resulting in seriousl deficiency in essential fats in our bodies. We need these vital good fats for skin, connective tissue, eye and hormone health as well as cholesterol control, brain health and wellbeing. Add whole grains, seeds, nuts, dark leafy greens, cold pressed oils such as flax, pumpkin, sesame and starflower, and oily fish such as sardines, mackerel, and wild salmon.

Salt, sugar and spice

Cut down on salt if your skin looks puffy or swollen, too much spice can exacerbate acne rosacea, ditto with alcohol. Excess sugar is terrible for the collagen matrix that is the underlying foundation of healthy youthful plump skin.
Some beneficial nutrients for skin health and to aid acne are - (daily amounts for treatment)
Beta carotene (25,000 iu) found in carrot juice
Vitamin A (10,000 iu)
B Complex 50-100mgs
Pantothenic acid(25mg x 4times per day
Bee propolis
Zinc (50mg) and in seafood
Borage Oil
Vitamin C (1000mg per day)
Probiotics – Acidophilus and Bifidus for colon health and elimination
Echinacea, red clover, dandelion tea.
Finally, be aware that anything that goes onto your skin is absorbed by your body. Check out your cosmetics for harmful parabens and try to use products with less chemicals. Burts Bees, REN, Kiehls, Mogoo, True Botanicals and Weleda are some organic skincare brands to use to help keep your largest organ looking its best.

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TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR FINANCES

Plenty of us will have made a new year resolution to get a better handle on our finances in 2018 and like other resolutions this one might already have been put on the long finger! This article looks at why now might be the time to act. Decisions about our financial futures are among the most important we will ever make.

Everyone has different priorities when it comes to deciding how they want their money to work better for them…

- Are you saving for your dream home?
- Do you want to start investing in a pension so you can retire in style?
- Perhaps you would like the peace of mind that comes with insuring your income should the unexpected happen?

Whatever your financial goals might be, a good place to start is to get advice from a professional. Research has shown that those who seek professional advice are better off financially and they also feel more confident about their future.

By cutting through the maze of products and the complexity that is commonly associated with most financial products a broker can give their clients valuable, practical support. A good financial broker will be able to provide practical advice tailored to your individual circumstances and be able to recommend the best options and products for you. The numbers show how much better off those who get advice are than those that don't.

A survey* of over 1,000 Irish adults showed that those who have used a Financial Broker:

- Have over double the savings and investments than those who don't.
- Are more than twice as likely to have a pension.
- Are more financially protected as result of holding more financial products.
- Feel more financially confident and also feel more confident about their financial future.

However, the value of professional financial advice and its effects goes far beyond this. We all want to be confident when making decisions about our finances and we want to have an adviser who understands our personal circumstances. Research has shown that those who engage with an adviser at least once a year are by far the most financially confident group. Quality financial advice has the potential to make a real difference to people. Shankill Financial Services are financial brokers that have a local, professional financial planning business based in Station House, Shankill. The business is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland and conforms to the Consumer Protection Code and holds professional indemnity cover for the protection of their clients.

If you have any questions about this article or wish to discuss your financial matters please contact Shankill Financial Services on 01-2393220 for a free consultation.

**Survey carried out by PIBA and Standard Life "Creating your success through Financial Planning 2013"*

Saint Joseph's Shankill
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Dementia Dance Classes at Saint Joseph's

On Friday, 26th of January, a group of 25 took part in the first Saint Joseph's Shankill Dance Class especially devised for people living with dementia and funded by the HSE Lottery Fund.

Under the expert guidance of professional choreographer Robert Connor from Dance Theatre Ireland, the dancers shared the musical and dance experience together supported by 8 eager volunteers and there wasn't a leotard or a pair of leg warmers in sight!

Classes will be held every week at Saint Joseph's and this initiative is a year-long pilot programme to explore the benefits that dance and music appreciation make to the lives of people living with dementia.

People living with dementia have many complex social, psychosocial, emotional and physical needs. The care that everyone living or attending day care at Saint Joseph's receives is very specific to these needs, many of which are answered by focusing on what matters to them. 'Mattering' is feeling deep inside that to someone or something and somewhere you really count, and knowing that just being who you are really matters to someone else.

What better way to feel you matter than to dance with someone? Movement with music is evocative and inspiring and dancing with someone else creates a sense of belonging and intimacy.

Siobhan Grant from Saint Joseph's said,

"Physical activity of any kind for people living with dementia is beneficial to their health and wellbeing and by creating a 'safe and inclusive' environment for people living with dementia to dance, we can help people 'feel' special, needed and loved. We are very grateful for the support from the HSE Lottery Fund that enables us to trial this year long project and of course we are thrilled that Robert Connor is on board to lead this new dance corps!"

Saint Joseph's is the ONLY care home in Ireland solely dedicated to dementia care. Our vision here at Saint Joseph's is to lead the way in dementia care and become a real dementia community, where people can live and be cared for in a homelike environment, where their feelings matter most.

For more information contact Siobhan Grant, 087 9670602 or siobhan.grant@sjog.ie

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Recipe

by Vivien Reid

This casserole is recommended for St Patrick's Day on the Bord Bia website. If you are going to a parade or just spending time in the outdoors, this is the meal to come back to. It would go well with crusty bread if there isn't time to make the colcannon. Cooked frozen peas could replace the broccoli if it is not a popular vegetable!

Beef and Stout Casserole with Colcannon

A delicious, rich and satisfying dish. It will taste even better if made a day or two ahead. Add the broccoli when you reheat.
Serves 4-6

Beef and Stout Casserole

2 tablespoon oil
1 kg rib steak, well trimmed and cut into cubes
2 onions, thinly sliced
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 tablesp. soft dark brown sugar
1 tablesp. plain flour
125ml Stout
125ml water
Sprig of thyme
1 tablesp. red wine vinegar
1 tablesp. Dijon-style mustard
Pinch of ground cloves
Salt and black pepper
250g fresh broccoli (optional)
Set oven Gas Mark 3, 160°C (325°F)

Heat the oil in a frying pan. In it brown the chunks of beef, a few pieces at a time. Remove the meat as it browns to a casserole dish. Add the onion and garlic to the pan and cook for a few minutes, sprinkle in the sugar and flour, stir it around to soak up the juices, then gradually stir in the Stout and water, stirring all the time. Add the thyme, wine vinegar, mustard, ground cloves and seasoning; bring to the boil and pour it over the meat in the casserole. Put the lid on and cook in the oven for 1½ hours or until the meat is tender. Approximately 20 minutes before the end of cooking time add the broccoli to the casserole.
Delicious served with Colcannon.

Colcannon

1kg potatoes, peeled, roosters work well
250g curly kale, well washed and finely sliced, discard any thick stalks
100mls milk
100g butter
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Cook the potatoes in a covered pan of boiling salted water for 15-20 minutes until tender.

Meanwhile, cook the kale. Heat a knob of butter and two tablespoons of water in a heavy-based pan with a lid. When the butter has melted and formed an emulsion, add the kale with a pinch of salt. Cover, shake well and cook over a high heat for 1 minute. Shake the pan again and cook for another minute. Drain off any liquid and then season the kale with pepper.

Drain the potatoes, add in the milk and mash until smooth, then beat in the kale and the remaining butter. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Note:
If curly kale is not available you can use finely chopped scallions which you add into the potatoes with the milk. Savoy cabbage also works well - use the same method as for the kale.

Recipe from www.bordbia.ie

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Shankill Classical Music Club

Morning, Noon and Night…plus

When you're preparing a programme for the Shankill Classical Music Club, it's always helpful if a composer has anticipated your theme. So nothing could be more appropriate for Sheila Thomson's programme in February than Franz von Suppé's 1844 operetta Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna. All that's heard nowadays is the overture, by turns sonorous, quiet, lively and boisterous, and it got the evening off to an entertaining start.

Nearly a century earlier, Joseph Haydn was launching his long career at the Esterhazy court with a set of three symphonies which quickly became known as Le Matin, Le Midi and Le Soir, from which Sheila chose the first movement of Le Midi.

The Morning Mood movement from the music written by the Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg as accompaniment to Ibsen's play Peer Gynt is a favourite of classical music radio. But few of us can have been aware that the sunrise being portrayed is not an icy dawn in an arctic fjord, but rather the hazy heat of a North African desert!

And the nickname Moonlight became attached to Beethoven's C sharp minor piano sonata only some years after his death. John O'Conor was a natural choice from the hundreds of available recordings.

Several of the other pieces were much less familiar. The story behind Dvorak's orchestral tone poem The Noon Witch is a macabre tale of a terrifying witch and the accidental death of a child. The music is tuneful, colourful and appropriately chilling.

Similarly highly-charged is Sibelius's orchestral Night Ride and Sunrise, in which the galloping night ride eventually brings us full circle to a chilly northern dawn.

How would Sheila represent her favourite composer Shostakovich in this theme? Why, Tea for Two, of course – the popular tune for which he wrote a cheeky and colourful orchestration, under the name Tahiti Trot, in less than an hour in response to a challenge!

A couple of short Elgar violin pieces, Chanson de Nuit and Chanson de Matin, played by Nigel Kennedy, also provided a lighter mood among the serious stuff.

And the plus…? Sheila usually includes some choral music, and she unapologetically departed from her main theme to give us a recent enthusiasm, Benjamin Britten's Hymn to St Cecilia, which also hit the spot for most of the audience. That's one of the great joys of the club, the chance to sample genres and pieces you mightn't otherwise come across!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7 March. Put the date in your diary now!

For further information see the website or ring John O'Hagan (087-210 9175).

For full details of all the pieces and performers, see our website http://www.shankillclassical.org. Shankill Classical Music Club meets at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Old Folks' Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome.

SHANKILL OLD FOLKS DAYCARE CENTRE

Lunch at Brady's

Our regular February lunch at Brady's always cheers us up in the cold Winter months, and as always Emma and her team looked after us with care and consideration.

Tommy Hughes with volunteer Dierdre Gordon at Brady's

Trial of Invalid Nutrition Drinks

At the opposite end of the gourmet spectrum are nutrition drinks for those of us who are recovering from illness or unable to digest normal food, and they are not always very palatable. A team at University College Dublin is investigating making them more tasty and acceptable, and some of our Daycare Centre people have been volunteering to try them out. Let's hope their contribution to science will lead to more delicious nutrition drinks for those of us who might need them.

Booksale

Don't forget our booksale which takes place on the first Saturday of every month from 10 to 1 p.m. There is a wonderful selection of books of every kind, all sorted for easy selection. Donations of books (near perfect condition please) may be made on day of sale only. All proceeds go to the Daycare Centre.

And finally, on behalf of our Nurse Manager Jacinta O'Sullivan, we would like to acknowledge all the kind words, thoughts and prayers that have been expressed on the tragic death of her little grandchild Anna.

Anne Murphy and Anne Farrell at Brady's

Joan Turner and Maureen Giblin at Brady's

TidyTowns

Shankill Tidy Towns – It's A Matter Of Pride

As Spring is upon us you may notice spring flowers and bulbs popping up all over the village. We planted hundreds of bulbs during the winter so hopefully the cold January didn't get to them and they will bring pleasure to all. The flower beds we planted in the Main Street are looking lovely and colourful – it brightens up the Village and gives us a boost to know that winter is finally over. Maybe now is a good time to think of our wildlife and plant some plants and shrubs that attract bees and butterflies. Have a look at the list of these plants (in this edition of SCAN) and consider planting some to add colour and to help us to do our bit for the National Pollinator Plan. Have a look around where you live – is there a piece of ground that you could plant? Apartment dwellers can plant pots with these bee loving plants on their balconies.

National Tree Week is from 4th - 11th March this year. In 2016 Shankill Tidy Towns completed its Trees for All project, planting 1 tree for every resident in our Community. Our Community has increased since 2016 and to celebrate National Tree Week along with Crann – Trees for Ireland and DLR Parks Dept. we are holding a tree planting ceremony to increase the number of trees and replace trees destroyed by Hurricane Ophelia. The Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 7th March at 3pm at Stonebridge Playing Pitches on Stonebridge Road where we'll plant more trees to enhance our Community and help the environment.

We celebrated our 2017 Silver Medal with an evening in Bradys recently, many of our volunteers and local Councillors enjoyed a great night. Thanks to John Brady for providing lovely food.

Shankill Tidy Towns did a huge litter pick along the dart line in Rathsallagh/Clifton Park 3 weeks ago. There was one lot of illegal dumping of about 4 black bags of rubbish. The person who did it left bags with prescriptions & medication with their name & address on it. The litter warden has been informed. Hopefully they'll be fined soon and this will discourage others from dumping and destroying our area. We are trying really hard to clamp down on litter and graffiti so if you see anything please report it to us 087 6750720 or email shankillmatters@gmail.com.

As part of our Shanks Mare Walks we are holding a walk on Bank holiday Monday 19th March around Rathmichael Cross, Old Rathmichael Church, old Rathmichael Church starting at 11:30am outside Bradys. Further details on our website and Facebook page Shankill Matters.

Upcoming Events for Shankill Community Games

Badminton

CONGRATULATIONS to our first ever Badminton team. Girls U15 Lily Blunden, Laragh Clancy, Aoife MacNeill and Izzy Heeney. They obtained silver medals in Dublin with three of the girls still eligible to compete in this age group next year the future in bright. Well done!!

Registrations

Registration forms will be available from St. Anne's Resource Centre, local schools or by emailing shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com. Registrations for all events will take place in person in St. Anne's Resource Centre on Sunday 4th March 2018 from 11.30am to 1pm and in local primary schools week commencing 26th Feb. 2018.

Fundraiser

March 10th/11th Church gate collection St Anne's Church Shankill. This is our sole fundraiser and your support is greatly appreciated.
Art and Handwriting Sunday March 11th Handwriting 1pm, Art 2pm to 4pm St. Anne's School Shankill. Pre registration required.

GAA

Calling all GAA players living in the Shankill area irrespective of club. Training commencing on Sunday March 11th at 4pm Shanganagh Park.

Cross Country boys and girls U12, U13 and U14. Dublin Trials Tymon Park 11th Apirl. Preregistration required.

Athletics Sports Day Sunday 22nd April 2018 Shanganagh Park. First race 2.30pm. Short and middle distance races for all age groups form age 6yrs to 16yrs. Long puck for U12 boys and U14 girls will also be held on this day. First two in each age group will be eligible to compete in Dublin Finals in Santry on 9th /10th June . Relay teams will also be formed from those competing on the day. Pre registration required.

Other events for 2018 include Quiz, U12 girls soccer, U11 boys mini rugby, u16 pitch and putt, Talent and model making.

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Shankill Football Club
Under 15's Girls' Teams
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The Under 12's Girls Team

There are two under 15's Girls Teams. We have the Under 15's Premier Team and the Under 15's A Team. There is also one Under 12's Team in Shankill Football Club.

Come down to Shanganagh Park any Sunday, and if there's a home match you will see the girls in green training and playing for their club. We have a total of over 70 local girls committed to playing the Beautiful Game.

The Under 15's Premiers motto is Honesty, Hardwork and Desire and the girls show these attributes in bucket loads. They turn up for training and matches hail, rain or even sometimes in the snow!

The Premier Team play in the MGL – the highest league in the country for Under 15s. There are many Irish International players in this league. The Shankill team has been playing together since 2013. They have won League & MGL Cups. This group of players have put Shankill FC on the map of young women's football. This team is not just about football, but the long lasting friendships that have been formed along the way.

The team is captained by Eva de Freine, vice captain Danielle Batt, managed by Wally Batt and coached by the one and only Karl Brauner.

Under 15's A Team

The Under 15's A Team is Captained by Nicole O'Brien and the Vice Captain is Kate McDonald. The Girls play in the under15s Girls League. This is their 2nd year playing in this very completive league. Managed by Paul O Brien

We asked Kate some questions about her experience of playing on this team.

Q: How long have you been playing for Shankill FC Girls?
I have been playing soccer with Shankill FC for 5 years.

Q: What position do you play in?
My position is Striker.

Q: What is your proudest moment playing Girls Football?
My team winning the Cup, the League, and being unbeaten in the League in the 2014-15 season.

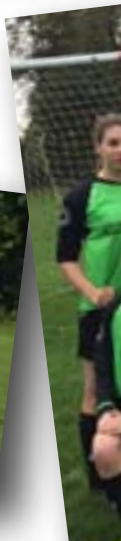
Q: What is your least favourite part of playing Football?
Losing a match!

Q: Best and worst things about training?
The best thing about training is working on team-work. The worst thing is the 'bleep' tests.

Q: What are your Footballing Ambitions?
I'd love to win the League and Cup with my team again.

Q: What is your Funniest Footballing Moment?
I kicked a soccer ball over a 30-foot fence while trying to score a goal at training last week. Not one of my best shots!

Kate McDonnell (vice captain) Under 15's A Team



Eight questions for Danielle Batt, Goalie – Under 15's Premier Team

Q1. Why did you start playing football?
I wanted to play football with my Friends.

Q2. Why did you choose to be keeper?
My Coach put me in goals at first & I enjoyed this position.

Q3. How long have you been playing football?
This is my 5th season.

Q4. What is your favourite thing about playing football? Being with my Football Friends.

Q5. Do you think you will be playing in 10 years time?
Yes I hope so, I would also like to get into coaching as well

Q6. Who are your favourite professional team?
Chelsea.

Q7. What's your training schedule like?
We train 3 times a week & play Sundays.

Q8. What professional player would you most like to be? Emma Byrne.

Under 15 Girls

Most of the Under 15 girls, from both teams, are heading off to Liverpool FC for more training and team building in March this year. They will be training with the Liverpool Ladies Squad (LLS) which will be a great honour and opportunity for our Girls.

Under 18's
Shankill FC also has a Senior Womens team playing in the DWSL league and in 2017 they won the DWSL Junior Cup. We hope that most of the Under 15's girls will progress through the ranks to the under 18's teams and beyond.

Under 12's
The club has an under 12 girls team playing in the MGL South Girls League. They are coached by Aoibh Hall and managed by Lisa O'Toole.

Girls Academy
Shankill FC has a Girls Academy playing out of Shanganagh Park on Saturday mornings 11am to 12pm. They have 15 regular players and new players are very welcome.

The Under 15's Premiers

An interview with Karl Brauner – Coach Under 15's Premier Team

Q: What is your Footballing Experience?
A: Played as Goalie at School Boy and Senior Level Early injury put a stopped me playing

Q: How Long Have You Been Coaching?
A: Over 20 years in some form of Coaching Management or Academy Training.

Q: Advice for Young Players?
A: Never accept no for an answer.
Never stop asking questions of your coach.
Be 1st into training, and last out.
Be polite.
Listen to your coaches.
Practice, Honesty, Hardwork, Desire.

Q: Most Embarrassing Football Moment?
A: Karl mentions a few! The time he was injured during a warm up and was stretchered off! Turning up a day late after a match, and best of all getting locked into the dressing room!

Q: Most Proud Football Moment?
A: Watching my daughter Robyn play against Manchester City.
Winning Leinster Cups and National All Ireland Team.
Help produce International players, and still they stop and say hello when I pass them in the street.
Watching my older daughter Jade, and my partner Christina play Senior Football together.

Q: How Many International Players have you coached to date?
A: 7 Internationals from under 15's up to Senior Ladies and Men

Q: Any difference between coaching boys and girls?
A: Females turn up to training because they want to be there. Female players always say thank you, and are more polite!

Note from Maria Bailey, TD

Maria Bailey, Fine Gael TD for Dun Laoghaire, warmly welcomes the announcement by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council of the target delivery of 1,687 social homes by 2021.

At a special meeting of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council on Monday 12 February Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government - Eoghan Murphy TD., briefed local councillors about the five pillars of Rebuilding Ireland, illustrating the challenges that lie ahead for all Local Authorities.

DLRCC housing delivery targets over the next four years will be 1,687 social housing homes, which excludes HAP and RAS. This figure does not include re-let figures which is an average of 150 allocations per year.

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council aim to provide 1,687 social housing homes through construction, Part V and acquisitions between now and 2021. The Council is currently active on eight social housing sites across the County ranging from two to fifty homes. DLRCC will be moving into larger sites this will help to address some of the affordability issues DLRCC currently face. Social housing is the main priority for the Council and they are prioritising two larger sites, namely St Laurence's Park and Shanganagh Castle.

Update on Cherrywood

All the landowners within the SDZ are working with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council on the first key phase of the Cherrywood development, building three brand new parks comprising of 82 acres, 5.4 kilometres of roadways, pedestrian footpaths, cycle paths and greenways, as well as the planting of over 3,000 mature trees.

Town Centre Planning Application

Last year saw the submission of the 2.1 million sq. ft. Cherrywood Town Centre planning application. Permission is being sought for a mixed-use development with a large residential component that will comprise 1,269 build-to-rent apartments, as well as 585,000 sq. ft. of retail and leisure outlets comprising shopping, restaurants and cafés.

Pending planning approval, construction of the Town Centre is expected to take three years to complete, with 3,000 construction workers employed over the course of the various build stages. It is hoped to commence construction in mid-2018. Cherrywood Town Centre will eventually be home to over 3,200 people, with the potential to accommodate 2,300 office staff and provide employment for more than 2,500 retail workers. There is also a proposal for 700 social housing units subject to a Part 5 agreement with the developer.

Maria Bailey TD

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Shankill GAA Club

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Stonebridge Road
The move to our new pitch in Stonebridge Road is on-going and some of our equipment is already on the new site. As work on the new pitch continues, this leaves us having to reorganize our actives as required. We are playing some games back in Shanganagh Castle where we are very grateful to John Keane and the Shankill Tidy Towns Committee for giving us the use of their facilities for our young players.

Juvenile Academy
The Academy is in full swing every Saturday morning. Coaches are all ways in attendance and all equipment is provided free of charge. The cost is only €2 per child and there is no annual subscription. So why not give the Academy a try some Saturday morning. Its a safe and friendly atmosphere and your child will have loads of fun with their friends.

Hail our Dublin Champions
A team comprising of four ladies from the football squad won the Scor table quiz held in Brady's recently. They are now the champion quiz team of Dublin and as such will now be representing the county in the All Ireland finals to be held in Sligo in April. Congrats and well done ladies.

Photo: L-R Jen Ni Mhathuna, Orla Kavanagh, Louise Rose & Lisa Lawren Mulvany

Ballad Group
There is an idea going around the club to form a Ballad Group to get some music into the club. If you are interested please contact: Aine 086 8646494 or nibhriaa@gmail.com

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Lidl Gaelic4Mothers&Others
It's an innovative way to introduce mothers and others to playing Gaelic football in a fun non-competitive social environment. For more information call Steve Davis 087 6414123 or email stevedavis230@gmail.com

Team Bonding
The boys from our under 10 & 11 years football and hurling teams went on a team building exercise recently. The two groups have been training together since last summer and over the winter months to prepare for the start of the league so a bit of bonding was in order. The task was team building climbing where they tackled one mighty high climbing wall and the only forward was up. The boys were great and did individual climbing as well as team based problem solving which can only be beneficial to the boys on the pitch and also in school and at home. It was fantastic fun and everyone had a brilliant day. If you would like to join either of these groups contact: Ross 086 3246970; Eoin 087 9396747; or Mike 087 6411994.

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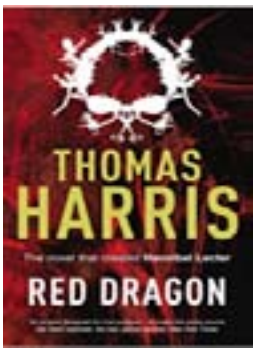
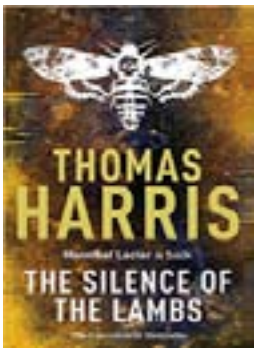
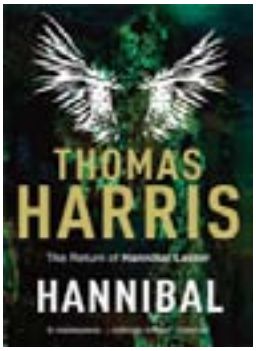
Good Reads

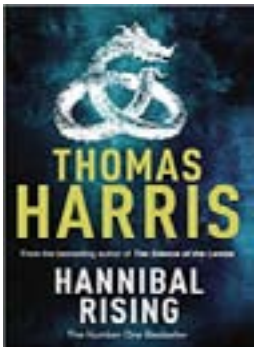
By Lindsay O' Donnell

TOP PICKS OF THE YEAR









These books by Thomas Harris withstand the test of time. They remain thrilling and suspenseful throughout.

In the first of the series, Red Dragon we see Ex-FBI agent Will Graham who is an expert investigator who quit the Bureau after almost losing his life in the process of capturing the elusive Dr. Hannibal Lecter. After a series of murders, Graham soon realizes that the best way to catch this killer, known as the Tooth Fairy, is to get inside the killer's mind. For Graham, that means confronting his past and facing his former nemesis, the now-incarcerated Hannibal Lecter.

In Thomas Harris's following book, Silence of the Lambs, we are introduced to Clarice Starling, a top student at the FBI's training academy. Jack Crawford, he is the Agent-in-Charge of the Behavioural Science Unit of the FBI, wants Clarice to interview Dr. Hannibal Lecter, a brilliant psychiatrist who is also a violent psychopath, serving life behind bars for various acts of murder and cannibalism. Crawford believes that Lecter may have insight into a case and that Starling, as an attractive young woman, may be just the bait to draw him out.

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Cllr. Carrie Smyth

TAKING –IN-CHARGE OF THE STARLINGS HOUSING ESTATE

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to confirm an application has been received from the developer of the "The Starlings", Shankill for the estate to be taken in charge?*

Reply: An application form was provided to the developer but until the development works/services are completed to the satisfaction of the Building Control Section, further progress cannot be made. An application to have the development Taken in Charge has not been received by DLRLCOCO. The Building Control Section will continue to engage with the developer to resolve outstanding matters.

OLD WYATTVILLE ROAD

Motion: *That the Chief Executive installs the second lane on Old Wyattville Road at the Old Wyattville Road/ Wyattville Dual Carriageway signalised junction as soon as possible and examine the length of time given to traffic exiting Old Wyattville Road as since the slip lane was removed traffic is back to Ballybrack Village (Church Road/Military Road/Old Wyattville Road/Shanganagh Road junction)*

Report: At present the contractor is completing the new footpath (where the old left slip lane was). When this is completed the existing traffic signals, temporarily currently located in the centre of the proposed new second lane, can be moved onto the new footpath area. This will allow the second lane to be then provided and this will provide additional capacity at the junction until the final layout is commissioned (which is programmed for early February).

FOOTPATH REPAIR, CORBAWN

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to repair the footpaths in Corbawn Drive, Corbawn Grove and Corbawn Wood, Shankill specifically in the following locations where pedestrians have tripped recently: (locations supplied)?*

Reply: Temporary repairs have been carried at these locations.

POTHOLE REPAIR, CORBAWN

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to repair the pothole on Corbawn Drive at the Corbawn Drive/ Corbawn Lane junction, Shankill?*

Reply: Temporary repairs to the pothole have been carried out.

Owner: Ivar Blanker, A/Senior Engineer, Road Maintenance.

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Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

CLUBHOUSE SHANKILL

Motion: *That the Chief Executive would now indicate when the part 8 process will commence for the building of the clubhouse to service the new playing pitches at Stonebridge Shankill.*

Report: The pitches will be open in the coming weeks and are to be serviced by temporary changing rooms. In recent months, works have taken place to prepare pitches for play including the installation of netting, the construction of a carpark and surfacing of paths. The Part 8 process is scheduled to commence in late 2018.

SHANKILL CYCLEWAY

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to state if all discussions and matters have been resolved with interested parties pertaining to the route of the proposed Brides Glen to Shankill pedestrian/cycleway?*

Reply: Discussions are still on-going with a number of landowners on the route of the proposed Cherrywood to Shankill Greenway, and so we are not yet in a position to go to Public Consultation.

Roads Project Office, DLRCC

Subject: Shanganagh Road footpath scheme - West side

Dear Councillor,

I refer to earlier discussions at Area Committee meetings relating to the Shanganagh Road Improvement Scheme. In the Sept and October meetings it was advised that some minor works were being considered.

It is now proposed to provide a footpath on the west side of Shanganagh Road and commencing in the coming months. The footpath will extend 155m between Hazelwood and linking to the Starlings development. This provides connectivity between the northbound Bus Stop opposite Rathsallagh Road and the two pedestrian crossings. There are impacts on two private properties and appropriate accomodation works have been agreed.

At a later stage and subject to one land acquisition, it is the intention to remove the bend closer to St Annes Church (opposite Maryland) and link the new footpath to the existing footpath at the Church. Design work on this stage is currently underway.

With regard to necessary tree felling, one tree shall be felled just south of the Bus Stop and some smaller conifers need to be removed at private property Cualann to meet footpath specifications. With due regard to the Bird Nesting Season, it is intended that the tree felling will be done before end of February.

Labour

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

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Cllr. Jim Gildea

TRAFFIC CALMING QUINNS ROAD

Motion: *That this Committee requests that the Chief Executive implements traffic calming measures on Quinns Road Shankill.*

Report: Traffic volume and speed surveys were carried out on Quinn's Road in 2015 giving a figure of on average 1450 vehicles per day in each direction and an 85th percentile speed of 54 kph. A review of accident data available up to 2013 was also done which showed one minor accident in the period 2005-2013. The speed limit on Quinn's Road is 50kph and enforcement of this is a matter for the Gardaí. To improve safety on the road the Traffic Section have within recent years upgraded the signing and lining on this road through the provision of additional SLOW road markings and the installation of Statutory Junction Ahead Warning signs on the road to advise motorists of the existence of side road junctions along here. However, the Traffic Section will review the road again to assess if there are any additional measures that can be provided.

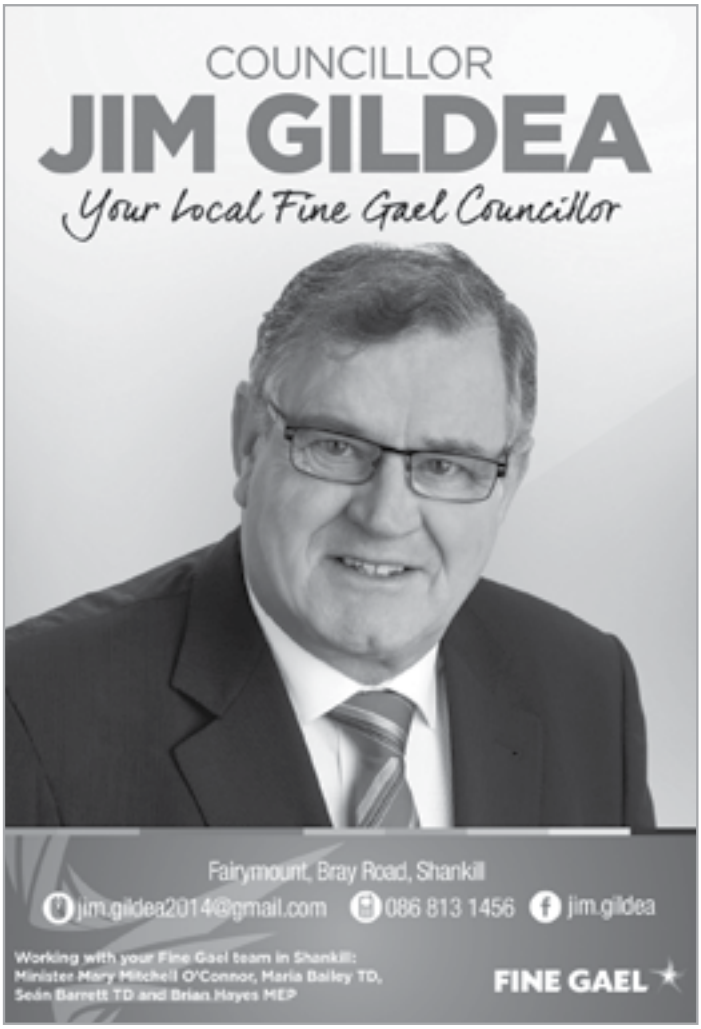
RECREATION ACCESS ROUTES

Various routes to Carrickgollogan Hill from Lead mines Chimney, Murphy's Lane, Pucks Castle Lane via Coillte Lands in Carrickgollogan Wood. Includes access to Alcock memorial from Murphy's Lane.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to provide this Committee with a list of Rights of Way or "mass paths" in the Shankill, Rathmichael and surrounding area and to further ask what action this Committee can take to ensure that public access to these Rights of Way is maintained in an unhindered manner?*

Reply: The following list of Public Rights of Way for the Shankill, Rathmichael area are set out in Appendix 8 of the County Development Plan 2016-2022. http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/appendix8.pdf (Some listed below) The Council has powers as set out in Part 13, Section 208. However, the law agent has previously advised that these powers only apply to: (i) Public Rights of way 'created' under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) i.e. by S. 206 and S. 207 thereof. (ii) Public Rights of way which were already preserved in a Development Plan 'on the commencement' of S. 208 which Section became operational on 21/01/02. The majority of Rights of Way in the Shankill and Rathmichael area do not fall into the restricted categories set out in S. 208 of the Planning and Development Act.



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SCAN PHOTOGRAPHY SERIES - PART 6

by John Coveney

Welcome to Part 6 of our photography series – previous articles are at *www.johncoveney.ie/shankill* or in a PDF with clickable links at *www.johncoveney.ie/scan-photography-series.pdf* – including bonus content* not in the print version. Also, check out the Shankill Photography Group on Facebook. We now have 55 local members who are posting some great shots.

Cathy Desmond Wins the Shankill Photography Group Competition.

In December and January, the Shankill Photography Group had its first competition that was sponsored by the Shankill Photo Centre on the Main Street. Cathy Desmond's panoramic view of Killiney Bay was selected as the winner. Many thanks to our judges Nicole Le Saout of Moments Photography and Ian Mac Mahon of the Shankill Photo Centre. Cathy will shortly be presented with her prize of 100 7x5 prints, or a soft cover photo book or equivalent items up to a maximum value of €30 from the Shankill Photo Centre. She will also get an A3 print of her shot from John Coveney Photography. Many thanks to all who entered the competition – their entries are still on show on the Group's Facebook page.

Improving Your Photography Skill & Enjoyment

Last month I started my comparison of Android and iPhone cameras and I'll get back to that next month. This month I'm going to cover ways to improve your photography skills and enjoyment – no matter what camera you have. Firstly, I'd like to stress that the most important thing is to get out and practice regularly. It's impossible to make progress if you are not regularly setting aside some time to take better shots - either on your own, or with other people according to your taste. As I said in my very first tip in the first article, build your practice into to your "me time"! And be mentally ready to use your phone camera anytime!

Taking better shots means a) knowing how your camera works, and b) using that knowledge to compose and capture well-lit shots. So, what are the best ways to learn to improve your photography? No, not a list of tips this time - you can Google these anyway - but the best ways to learn. I have six suggestions as follows: -

1. Join a camera club – more below.
2. Take a course – e.g. The Institute of Photography, Dublin Photography School, The Gallery of Photography, Dublin Camera Club, or check the listings at www.nightcourses.com. Also look out free online courses e.g. "Seeing Through Photographs" from New York's Museum of Modern Art.
3. Learn from past and current masters of imagery by studying paintings in galleries such as the National Gallery of Ireland the Irish Museum of Modern Art. Or study images of paintings in books and online.
4. Study photography on you own from books, magazines and the internet – I'll put a list in the online version*.
5. Review your old shots. As your skills improve, you will see past errors and learn to avoid them in future.
6. Do a project – here's a list at https://improvephotography.com/11546/101-best-photo-ideas/.

I put joining a camera club as my no.1 tip because this is the way I did it and I strongly believe that camera clubs' meetings, outing and workshops with like-minded people are hugely beneficial for building skills and confidence - they certainly were for me. An active local club is my own club, Offshoot, that meets in Cabinteely on Monday nights. If you work in the city centre, Dublin Camera Club meets on Tuesday nights – see a full list at irishphoto.ie/member-clubs. Clubs are very good value with annual membership in the range €80-100.

John Coveney Photography is based in Shankill. John captures high-quality images of People, Places and Wildlife, locally and all over Ireland with his phone and his big cameras. You can see his shots at www.johncoveney.ie and on his blog at www.johncoveney.ie/blog. Contact him 087 276 5158 or at pictures@johncoveney.ie and follow and like him on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & Flickr.

Cathy Desmond's winning entry in the Shankill Photography Group's first competition. It's a panoramic view of Killiney Bay that she shot from Vico Road on her iPhone 8 on beautiful sunny morning last October on her way back from the school run!

School News in scan

Diwali – Service of Light

In early November, Ms Aivalikli's 6th Class celebrated Diwali, the Hindu Fesitival of Light. This festival celebrates the Hindu New Year. The date of the festival is dicated by the lunar calendar. It takes place over 5 days.

On the first day of Diwali they complete a Spring clean. On the second, people usually go to a temple and buy new clothes. On this day families will also decorate their homes using colours, lanterns and rangoli patterns. On the third day they have a feast which can include naan bread, butter chicken, rice. This is the meal that 6th Class enjoyed together. Niamh, Kevin and Ben provided dessert for the whole class to enjoy afterwards. During the final days of Diwali, families visit relatives and neighbours and share gifts.

6th Class completed clay Diva Lamps in Art and created LED battery operated lights in Science to mark the occasion. All of the tables were put in a circle to give everyone a chance to be seen and talk.

Kate Kennedy 6th class

Interview with Maria

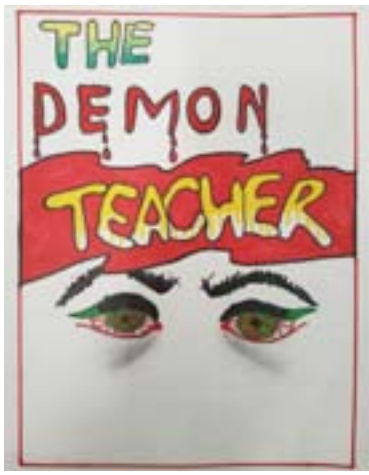
Hi my name is Pranav, myself Fionn & Alex from 4th class did an interview with Maria.

Maria has worked as a secretary for 15 years in our school. She loves working with children. Some of her hobbies and interests are tai chi, music and reading. Her previous job interest was to be a nurse. Her favourite colour is green.

Maria said she loves all parts of her job, especially when she is busy. Maria does the after school with the junior and senior infants. This can be helpful for parents who have children finishing at 1:30 and 2:30. It is a time for total play she said. They do things like lego, football and all things fun. She said the best part of her job is working with all the interesting children, her friends and finishing at 3 o'clock. Maria said her job is always interesting because she gets to meet a lot of people. Maria's plans for 2018 are to go on holidays, play a lot of golf and to win the lotto.
Thank you, Maria, for your time.

Pranav, Alex & Fionn

Other masterpieces by talented students of St. Anne's



School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

The Credit Union ran an art competition. Ellie Mcdonald won first prize in this winning a family pass to the Zoological gardens. They had previously run an art competition in conjunction with Shankill Traders. In this we had three four winners, Poppy Miller, Max Lawless, Olivia Carroll and Ellie Mcdonald. Poppy won a camera at this time.

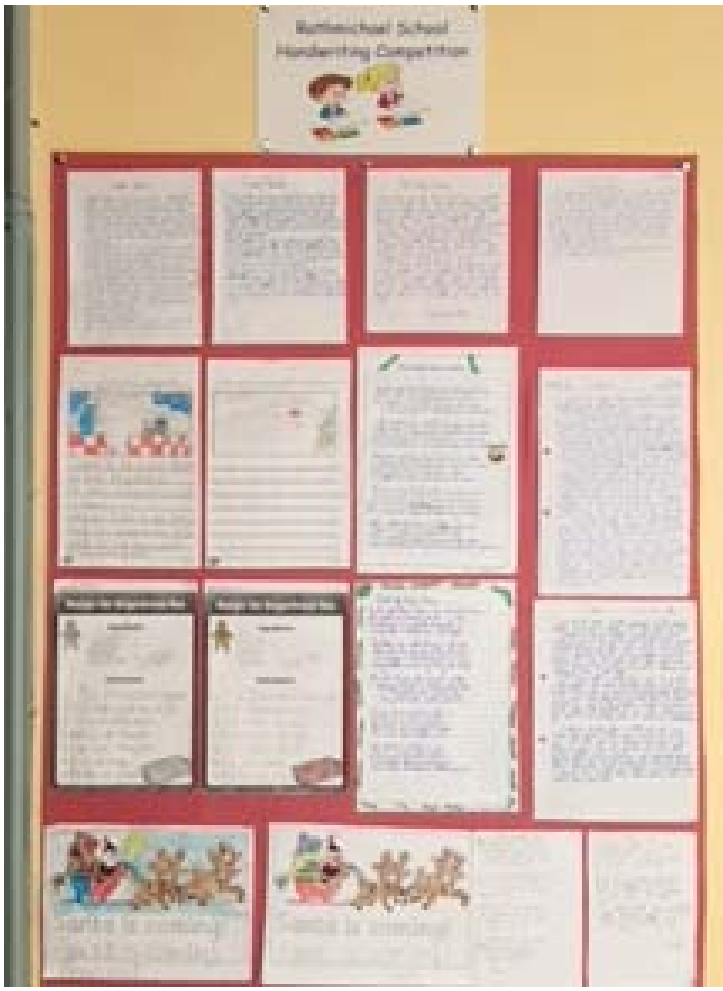
6th Class entered a quiz which the Credit Union sponsored for schools. This was enjoyed by all.

Our M3 money saving club is also run by the Credit Union and is very popular.

Well done Core Credit Union on all you do for the schools It is very much appreciated. Getting involved with the local community is important in our school. Indeed it is part of our Global Citizenship Flag.

We held our own handwriting competition in the school to promote neatness, good punctuation and clarity. We hold this twice a year and it has proved to be very popular throughout the school. Children who are making great strides with their writing are also encouraged as we have prizes for each class for most improved.

This year we held an Adult Quiz as a fund raiser in Shankill Tennis Club. This was well attended and great fun. Niall Carty, a parent, went to enormous trouble putting questions together and unfortunately for him has a job for the next4/5 years!! Well done to the PTA for the refreshments and organisation involved. Getting people to attend fundraisers can be a very difficult task, however usually everyone has a good time and certainly the school benefits each time. Thank you all my amazing volunteers.



Write-A-Book

Teacher, Ms. Edel Downey, co-ordinated the Write-A-Book competition this year. She held a very entertaining Assembly where lots of children shared their ideas for writing a book. Pictured above are all the Write-A-Book entrants.

The whole team with their medals at the Science Assembly in Scoil Mhuire, with Patricia Slavin, (Principal), Louise Power, (Class Teacher), who worked so hard with the children), and Mary O'Sullivan, (H.S.C.L. Teacher), pictured behind the children.

Science Fair

A Science Fair was held by 11 local schools in Cabinteely Community School Hall. Each of the participating schools had in-school competitions in advance, to choose which children's experiments would represent their school. The Science Fair was co-ordinated by the Home School Liaison Teachers and the prizes for all were organised by Scoil Mhuire's H.S.C.L. Teacher, Mary O'Sullivan from the Science Research and Innovation Section of the European Commission. Every pupil who took part was presented with a bag of goodies from the E.U. There was also a plaque for each school, and medals for the pupils – also organised by our own H.S.C.L. Teacher, Mary O'Sullivan!

The 6th Class children also held a mini exhibition in Scoil Mhuire for younger pupils pictured above.

The Scoil Mhuire teams proudly displaying their work at the Science Fair.

Engineer of the future!

The smaller school children having fun at the school's mini exhibition in Ms. Power's Class.

The pupils from Scoil Mhuire explaining an experiment to an interested student from another school.

Shankill Tennis Club News

Community Sports Club Of The Year!

Shankill Tennis Club was awarded the All Ireland Community Sports Club of the Year prize at the IPB/ LAMA awards ceremony in Croke Park on Saturday 3rd February. In partnership with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Shankill Tennis Club received the award in recognition of the club's achievements in making tennis available to all members of the community. The club runs a successful tennis programme for Visually Impaired tennis players and from April 27-30th will host the 2018 World Blind Tennis Championships with teams from 12 countries and four continents participating. Tennis Ireland's Enjoy Tennis programme for players with intellectual disability is also up and running in the club and local agencies such as Festina Lente and Carmona Services are using the facility and seeing the benefits of tennis for their clients. For the past number of years a family fun day for the Romanian community has also been a popular and successful event.

Derek Adams, Chair of Shankill Tennis Club, says of the award "This is a real honour for our club and a testament to the hard work and commitment of all our members, volunteers and participants who give so generously of their time to ensure that our club and facilities are accessible to all members of the community. There is no doubt that the development of these programmes has added another dimension to our club and one which we are very proud to be involved with."

Open Day

Come to our Open Day on Sunday 11th March (1-5pm) and sample all of what Shankill Tennis Club has to offer! All ages very welcome and no previous experience needed. And remember that you can enjoy our courts anytime by coming down on a pay-and-play basis. For further information about participating in Shankill Tennis Club, please contact the club on 01 2825400, or check the club website on www.shankilltennisclub.com.

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Local History Society Lectures

Mount Merrion Historical Society
John Kirby will present *'Viking Dublin and Wood Quay'* at 8 p.m. on Thursday March 1st in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Rathmichael Historical Society
Diarmuid Ó Gráda will present *'Georgian Dublin: The Forces that Shaped the City'* at 8 p.m. on Wednesday March 7th in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €5.

Irish Railway Record Society
The Society's Annual Film *'From Midland Branches to the Suir Valley'* featuring films by Joe St. Leger takes place at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday March 22nd in the IRRS Premises, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society
Joseph Brady will present *'The Changing Landscape of South Dublin in the 1950s and 1960s'* at 8 p.m. on Thursday March 8th in the Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – Contribution €3.

Enniskerry History Society
John Lennon will present *'A History of Main Street, Dundrum, Co. Wicklow'* at 8.30pm on Thursday March 8th at 8.30pm in the Powerscourt Arms & Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €5.

Military History Society of Ireland
Nicholas Page will present *'The destruction of the Irish divisions, March 1918'* at 8 p.m. on Friday March 9th in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8.
All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Genealogical Society of Ireland
Aiden Feerick will present *'Monsignor O'Flaherty'* at 8 p.m. on Tuesday March 13th in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – donation.

The Old Dublin Society
Dr. Finnian Ó Connlaith will present *'The Dublin Paving Board (1774-1747): grime and grandeur of the city's streets'* at 6 p.m. on Wednesday March 14th in Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.
All welcome – admission free.

There will be a *'Members' Night + Presentation on the Old Dublin Society website and library'* at 6 p.m. on Wednesday March 28th in Dublin City Library & Archive, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Joan Kavanagh will present *'Glendalough through the eyes of a camera'* at 8 p.m. on Thursday March 15th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow.
All welcome – admission €5.

James Scannell will present a lecture *'Easter 1918 in Bray, Co. Wicklow'* at 11.30 a.m. on Friday March 23rd in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission free.

Foxrock Local History Club
Eoin Kinsella will present *'Leopardstown Park Hospital, 1917 -2017'* at 8 p.m. on Tuesday March 20th in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. Myles Reid will give a short talk on *'The Remaining, the Lost and the Forgotten Gate Lodges of our Area'.*
All welcome – admission €5.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
Rob Goodbody will present *'Ballycorus Lead Works'* at 8 p.m. on Wednesday March 21st in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – entrance €3.

Publications

Winter 2017 issue (No.8) of Ireland's Military Story magazine, Editor Wesley Bourke, published by Reville Publications Ltd.

This issue of this excellent quarterly Irish military history magazine has been published in e-format rather than hardcopy and contains an excellent array of articles covering a variety of topics including *'The RAF's Best Fighters are on the Ground'* in which Frank Brien, Royal Air Force Association (ROI) standard bearer, gives an account of his time in the Royal Air Force Regiment; *'Take a Step Back to the Royal Air Force 1939 – 1945'* looks at the uniforms and kit of RAF Pilots and Aircrew from 1939 to 1945; Pat Dargan investigates the remarkable Fort Shannon built by the Irish Army to defend the Shannon Estuary during the Second World War in *'Ireland's Emergency Fortress – Fort Shannon*'; *'Meeting his fate Among the Cloud Above'* tells the story of Joseph 'Joe' Kiernan who left his home in Mullingar in 1939 for a new career that would take him high above the clouds in Nazi Germany as revealed by his niece Catherine Fleming who traces her uncle's wartime service; *'In Friendship and in Service – Supporting the RAF Family'* focuses on the members of the Royal Air Force Association, Republic of Ireland, which looks after the welfare of veterans in the Republic of Ireland; The Spitfire is as an aviation legend. Part of the Ulster Aviation Society's collection is a replica of a Spitfire Mk2a that has a unique association with Northern Ireland which is the subject of *'The "Down" Spitfire Mk2a; In 'Emergency Over Irish Skies – The Irish Air Corps 1939 – 1946'*, AP (Tony) Kearns in the fifth part of this series, highlights the Irish Air Corps and its capabilities in the latter half of the Emergency years; *'Keeping Ireland's Aviation History Alive'* looks at the collection of the Ulster Aviation Society which has 36 aircraft and other aviation artefacts in its museum at Maze Long Kesh, outside Lisburn, Co. Antrim, and the education and restoration work carried out by the Society; Seán Feast in *'Coming Down in the Drink'* recalls the story of a fighting Goldfish (Club) Flight Lieutenant John Brennan who died on April 20th 2017 and at that time was the last surviving wartime member of the Goldfish Club; The story of *'Michael O'Meara, V.C. – Irish/Australian V.C. of the First World War'*, who died from the effects of the wartime wounds in 1935, is revealed by Ian Loftus; in *'The Ivy Patch Gun'* Kenneth L. Smith-Christmas, Lar Joye, and Commandant Stephen McEoin tell the story of an Irish Army's 18 pounder gun, possible used at Dublin's Four Courts in 1922, that ended up guarding a diner in Virginia, U.S.A. and had now returned to Ireland and is currently undergoing restoration. To obtain a digital copy of this issue of Ireland's Military Story, price €3.50, log onto ***www.irelandsmilitarystory.com*** and follow the links to ordering a copy or email: subscriptions@irelandsmilitarystory.ie. Back issues are available.

PLANNING NOTICES

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we feel that our readers wish to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you feel that they could be of interest to you, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D18A/0032 Permission for Retention Date: 11-Jan-2018
Rebeka Khan. 3 Rathmichael Haven, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Permission for Retention of single storey building for use as a Ceramic Artist's Studio and associated ancillary buildings, including replacement and upgrade of existing waste water treatment system and associated site works.

D18A/0054 Permission for Retention Date: 19-Jan-2018
Barry O'Halloran. 23 Aubrey Park, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for Retention of construction of concrete blockwork piers (2m high), erection of new gates (1.6m high) between the piers and associated landscaping works. Permission sought to alter the width of existing (unauthorised) vehicular entrance by alteration of existing piers to reduce entrance width from 3.7m to 3.5m.

D17A/0972 Date: 02-Nov-2017 Additional Information: 02-Feb-2018
Tudor Homes Ltd. Aubrey House, Quinns Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin (Protected Structure)
Permission for the re-design of the vehicular access, incorporating the existing entrance and associated walls and modification to the layout incorporating the boundary treatment between the existing dwelling and the proposed site.

D18A/0115 Seeking Permission Date: 08-Feb-2018
Mr K & Mrs E O'Boyle. Eaton Brae Lodge, Eaton Brae, Corbawn Lane, Shankill, Co Dublin (A Protected Structure)
Permission for: A. New single storey kitchen extension to rear of Eaton Brae Lodge with a floor area of 35.5 sqm and a height not exceeding 3 meters from ground level. B. Providing link corridor through contemporary existing rear extension. C. Building up existing rear kitchen door opening and provision of new window to rear east elevation. D. Removal of existing stud partitions to rear contemporary rear extension and providing new stud partitions to re-form three bedrooms. E. Provide new window in north elevation of existing contemporary extension.

D18A/0120 Seeking Permission Date: 09-Feb-2018
Emma Ryan & Cormac Fitzgerald. Abingdon Lodge, Shanganagh Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for demolition of existing 1-storey garage and construction of a new boundary wall and entrance gate and all associated site works.

D18B/0052 Seeking Permission Date: 05-Feb-2018
Kieran & Catherine Macken. 121 Shanganagh Cliffs, Shankill, Co Dublin
Permission for a single storey extension to side of existing house.

D18B/0063 Seeking Permission Date: 08-Feb-2018
Wayne & Esmé Sheridan. 41 The Wood, Crinken Glen, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for a first floor extension to the rear over existing ground floor extension, new window to existing rear bedroom, 3 no. roof lights to proposed extension roof and all associated ancillary works.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D17A/0019 REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 11-Jan-2018
Clare Perry. Rose Cottage, 63, New Vale Cottages, Co. Dublin
Construction of 1 X two storey 3 bedroom detached house with flat roofs, rooflight courtyards, rainwater harvesting system, new vehicular entrance and a pedestrian entrance together with new driveway and associated site works including excavations at the side garden.

D17A/0786 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 08-Jan-2018
Paul Mahon. 13, Rathmichael Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for alteration and two-storey extension of non-habitable cottage to provide a 3 bedroom dwelling, waste-water treatment plant and percolation area, new entrance gates and walls and associated siteworks.

D17A/1015 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Date: 18-Jan-2018
Charton Homes Ltd. Shankill House, Ferndale Road, Shankill, Co Dublin. (a protected structure)
Permission for retention of revisions to the access road to Shankill House from Rathmichael Haven (originally permitted under file ref: D14A/0110) and for the development of new entrance gates, new stone gate posts and stone entrance walls and associated site and landscaping works.Shankill House is

D17A/1028 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Date: 24-Jan-2018
Robert and Charlótte Norwood. Hayview, Old Rathmichael, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for single storey Granny Apartment extension of 166 sqm area and all associated site works, all within the curtilage of, but remote from, a protected structure.

D17A/0901 REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 08-Feb-2018
Amarinder Singh & Amy Poulton. Site adjacent to 89 Mountain View, Crinken Glen, Shankill, Co Dublin
Permission for construction of a new single storey 3 bedroom dwelling with vehicular and pedestrian access exiting onto Mountain View. Connections to public mains sewers and services and all structural, drainage, landscaping and associated site works.

D17A/1065 REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 05-Feb-2018
Fiona and Peter O`Leary. The Paddock, Quarry Road, Rathmichael, Co Dublin
Permission for dwelling house with alterations to existing entrance, driveway, drainage, onsite wastewater treatment unit with percolation area and ancillary works.

D17A/1067 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Date: 08-Feb-2018
Changyu Wang. 2 & 3 Quinns Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for Change of Use from commercial unit to hot food take away use in one ground floor unit.

D17A/1071 REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 08-Feb-2018
Pat & Noleen Crown. Tir Na Nog, Ballybride Road, Rathmichael, Co Dublin
Permission for two storey detached dwelling with garage, waste water treatment system and associated site works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D17A/0019 1st Party Appeal against Refusal of Permission.
Date: 07-Feb-2018
Rose Cottage, 63, New Vale Cottages, Co. Dublin
Construction of 1 X two storey 3 bedroom detached house with flat roofs, rooflight courtyards, rainwater harvesting system, new vehicular entrance and a pedestrian entrance together with new driveway and associated site works including excavations at the side garden.

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